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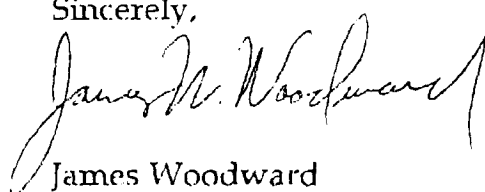
Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am writing you today to express my concern in regards to the Microsoft settlement issue. I feel this settlement is fair and reasonable, and I believe that this three-year-long dispute should be resolved permanently. Because of the federal action many states have jumped on board. I don't understand their cause. If you drop the case and accept the initial agreement, then, I'm sure many of the states will also.

Microsoft is a company that is successful in its business. I do not believe they should be penalized for this. Microsoft has pledged to share more information with other companies and create more opportunities for them, therefore, the entire technology industry will benefit from this settlement.

Again, it will be more productive to allow Microsoft to continue doing what they do best. This will benefit the economy and consumers. I sincerely hope that this settlement will be finalized because it is in the best interest of the industry and the American consumers.

Sincerely,



James Woodward